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Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme;

(b) the number of students benefited under this scheme during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the funds allocated, released and actually utilised during the said period, State and agency-wise; and

(d) the extent to which the said scheme has been able to achieve its objectives?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)
(a): This Ministry provides Fellowship under the Central Sector Scheme of National Fellowship, earlier called as Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme, to the students belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) for pursuing M.Phil and Ph.D. Courses. The salient features of the scheme.
(i) 2000 fresh fellowships are awarded every year with effect from 2010-11.
(ii) there is no restriction as regards to the minimum marks in Post-Graduation Examination for being eligible for fellowship.
(iii) University Grants Commission is the nodal agency for implementation of this scheme.
(iv) The rates of Fellowship is Rs. 25,000/- per month for initial two years of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and Rs. 28,000/- per month for remaining tenure of three years of Senior Research Fellowship (SRF).
(v) There is no income criteria for eligibility
(b) to (c): The details of number of students benefitted under the National Fellowship Scheme for SC State-wise for 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 are at Annexure. Since National Fellowship Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme allocation of funds is not done state-wise. As per University Grant Commission, the implementing agency, the details of fund released and utilized during the last 3 years are as under.
(Rs. In crores)

2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
Budget allocated	Utilized	Budget allocated	Utilized	Budget allocated	Utilized
149.01	149.09	200.55	178.1	196.00	226.22